

HOUSE RESOLUTION 241  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Reverend Frederick D.W. Tappan, II.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable persons who, through their professional and personal endeavors, are credits to their respective families, communities, and this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is the Reverend Frederick D.W. Tappan, II of Memphis, whose outstanding service through years of hard work, diligence, and dedication has distinguished him as an invaluable servant of our great state and of his Lord; and

WHEREAS, Elder Tappan is a graduate of Jacksonville Theological Seminary, having earned both a B.S. and a M.S. degree in Christian Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Old Testament Theology; and

WHEREAS, the founder of L.I.F.E. Changing World Outreach Ministries, Elder Tappan currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Eureka True Vine Baptist Church, where he has been a steadfast leader of the congregation for the past eight years, and is the Chaplain for the Shelby County Jail System; and

WHEREAS, he has also served the community over the years as the Principal of the Marshall County Alternative School, the Assistant Principal of the Shelby County Alternative School, Director of Vocational Education for the Memphis Job Corps Center, Director of the Memphis Theological Institute, and as an Adjunct Professor at Southwest Tennessee Community College; and

WHEREAS, a servant of the Lord, Pastor Tappan continues to minister to those in need of an uplifting word or of help to arise from the situations in which they find themselves; he has instituted G.E.D., Parenting, Prison, Job Readiness, and Healthy Eating ministries, as well as employment referral, and scholarship programs. He is also collaborating with Flinn



Broadcasting and Associated Building Contractors to form a construction training school for ex-offenders; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Regina, in addition to their many pastoral duties, found time to head the Memphis Area Youth Association, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, associated with the Memphis Grizzlies, which is designed to empower inner-city youth through academic support, family, and individual counseling, as well as recreational programs featuring cheerleading and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Elder Tappan is also actively involved with the H.E.L.P. Senior Services program, which provides assistance to senior citizens with their utility bills, prescriptions, lawn service, home cleaning, minor home repairs, tax preparation, and many other services that help to enhance the quality of life for these individuals; and

WHEREAS, a natural-born leader, Pastor Tappan epitomizes the spirit and level of commitment to his community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, the Reverend Tappan is most grateful for the love, encouragement, and constant companionship that he shares with his devoted wife of fifteen years, Regina Hatley-Tappan; they are the loving parents of two beautiful children, Frederick, III, and Alexis Breaunna; and

WHEREAS, a gifted orator, teacher, innovator, counselor, pastor, educator, and preacher, Pastor Tappan has done a wonderful job of fulfilling his vision and ministry mission with limited funds and resources. His stated vision is to "bridge the gap between the church and community", and his ministry mission is to present "real ministry, with a real message, for real people"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize his life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and honor the Reverend Frederick D.W. Tappan, II for his commitment and dedication to his Lord and to the citizens of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our best wishes for his every future success in his life's work and ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.